2018 Program Accomplishments

Volunteer Wilderness Stewardship Program

In partnership with the land management agencies, Friends’ stewardship program worked on the ground with volunteers to clean up, monitor and heal wildlands and improve wildlife habitat and recreational trail access. In 2018, about 700 volunteers completed 86 restoration and monitoring projects giving back a total of $243,855 of in-kind volunteer service. Volunteers monitored springs, planted seedlings for fire restoration, pulled invasive weeds, and installed signs. Our trail crews maintained 60 miles of trail removing 655 downed trees and built 21 cairns. Our Sheldon crew built 8 miles of fence and removed 20 tons of waste metal from the Refuge wildlands.
Wilderness Legislation and Planning Program
In 2018, we continued working with Pershing, Clark and Washoe Counties on public lands legislation that would include wilderness designations. Our members attended Washoe County public meetings on a proposal to do away with proposed wilderness. We attended public hearings and prepared comments on the military takeover efforts of proposed wilderness in the Fallon Test and Training Range. We have read, analyzed and provided comments on many public land proposals that could affect Nevada wildlands. We worked with a large coalition to protect the Desert National Wildlife Refuge from military expansion.

"Quote here from a volunteer or a Board member about why they invest their time and energy into Friends."

Wilderness Education and Outreach Program
In 2018, we signed up volunteers at 54 outreach events and discussed Nevada's wilderness and why it is important. We designed and printed two newsletters, produced the 2019 Wild Nevada calendar, sent monthly E-newsletters and numerous alerts and event invitations to inform members about what was happening with wilderness in Nevada. We hosted the popular Wild and Scenic Film Festival in Las Vegas in partnership with Zappos and the Wild Nevada Artown Show in Reno. We produced a trail map for the Toiyabe Crest Trail and updated the Mt. Rose map. Additional stories, videos, photos can be viewed on our website, Instagram, Facebook You Tube, and other media outlets.

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